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: Docket No. 11 Oll (ENF-CO)

US MORTGAGE NETWORK

## CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

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The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Banking ("Department"), Bureau of Examinations has conducted an examination of US Mortgage Network ("US Mortgage") and its officers, employees and directors. Based on the results of its review, the Bureau of Compliance, Investigation and Licensing ("Bureau") concluded that US Mortgage violated the Mortgage Licensing Act, 7 Pa. C.S. § 6101 et seq. The parties to the above captioned matter, in lieu of litigation, hereby stipulate that the following statements are true and correct in the settlement of the above-captioned matter and, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order ("Order").

#### BACKGROUND

- 1. The Department is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's administrative agency authorized and empowered to administer and enforce the Mortgage Licensing Act.
- The Bureau is primarily responsible for administering and enforcing the Mortgage
   Licensing Act for the Department.
- US Mortgage is a mortgage lender with its principal place of business located at 2605 Nicholson Road, Suite 200, Sewickley, Pennsylvania 15143.

- 4. US Mortgage is licensed by the Department as a mortgage lender, license no. 21045, Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry ("NMLS") Identification No. 132492.
- 5. As a mortgage lender, US Mortgage must "maintain supervision and control of and responsibility for the acts and omissions of all mortgage originators" that it employs. See 7 Pa. C.S. § 6121(13)(i)(emphasis added); see also 7 Pa. C.S. § 6131(f)(1).
- 6. On December 13, 2010, an examiner for the Department commenced an examination of US Mortgage.

## VIOLATION

- 7. The examiner found that US Mortgage's mortgage loan originators did not clearly display their NMLS identification numbers on four mortgage loan applications.
- 8. Further, the examiner found that three mortgage loan originators employed by US Mortgage did not display their NMLS identification numbers on their business cards.
- 9. Section 6121(14) of the Mortgage Licensing Act provides that "[a] licensee shall do all of the following . . . [i]n the case of a mortgage originator, clearly display the mortgage originator's unique identifier on all mortgage loan application forms and personal solicitations or advertisements, including business cards." 7 Pa. C.S. § 6121(14).
- 10. By failing to require the mortgage originators it employs to display their NMLS identification numbers on the mortgage loan applications and business cards, US Mortgage violated Section 6121(14) of the Mortgage Licensing Act.

#### **AUTHORITY**

- 11. The Department has the authority to issue orders as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the mortgage loan business and to enforce the Mortgage Licensing Act. 7 Pa. C.S. § 6138(a)(4).
- 12. The Department may fine a licensee or any "director, officer, owner, partner, employee or agent of a licensee" who violates the Mortgage Licensing Act up to \$10,000 "for each offense." 7 Pa C.S. § 6140(b).

#### RELIEF

- 13. Fine. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order (as defined in Paragraph 20) US Mortgage shall pay the Department a fine in the amount of \$250.00. The fine shall be remitted by certified check or money order made payable to the "Department of Banking" and be sent to the attention of: Non-Depository Institutions, Bureau of Compliance, Investigation and Licensing, Department of Banking, 17 North Second Street, Suite 1300, Harrisburg, PA 17101.
- 14. <u>Corrective Action</u>. Upon the effective date of this Order (as defined in Paragraph 20) US Mortgage shall ensure that its mortgage originators' unique identifiers are prominently displayed on all mortgage loan application forms and personal solicitations and advertisements including business cards as required by 7 Pa. C.S. § 6121(14).

### **FURTHER PROVISIONS**

15. Consent. US Mortgage hereby knowingly, willingly, voluntarily and irrevocably consents to the entry of this Order pursuant to the Bureau's order authority under the Mortgage Licensing Act and agrees that it understands all of the terms and conditions contained therein. US Mortgage, by voluntarily entering into this Order, waives any right to a hearing or appeal concerning the terms, conditions and/or penalties set forth in this Order.

- 16. <u>Publication</u>. The Department will publish this Order pursuant to its authority in Section 302.A.(5) of the Department of Banking Code. 71 P.S. § 733-302.A.(5).
- 17. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Order contains the whole agreement between the parties. There are no other terms, obligations, covenants, representations, statements, conditions, or otherwise, of any kind whatsoever concerning this Order. This Order may be amended in writing by mutual agreement by the Bureau and US Mortgage.
- 18. <u>Binding Nature</u>. The Department and US Mortgage, and its officers, employees, directors intend to be and are legally bound by the terms of this Order.
- 19. <u>Counsel</u>. This Order is entered into by the parties upon full opportunity for legal advice from legal counsel.
- 20. <u>Effectiveness</u>. US Mortgage hereby stipulates and agrees that the Order shall become effective on the date that the Bureau executes the Order.

## 21. Other Enforcement Action.

- a. The Department reserves all of its rights, duties, and authority to enforce all statutes, rules and regulations under its jurisdiction against US Mortgage in the future regarding all matters not resolved by this Order.
- b. US Mortgage acknowledges and agrees that this Order is only binding upon the Department and not any other local, state or federal agency, department or office regarding matters within this Order.
- 22. <u>Authorization</u>. The parties below are authorized to execute this Order and legally bind their respective parties.
- 23. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Order may be executed in separate counterparts and by facsimile or electronic mail in portable document format "PDF."

24. <u>Titles</u>. The titles used to identify the paragraphs of this document are for the convenience of reference only and do not control the interpretation of this document.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, including the recital paragraphs, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Banking, Bureau of Compliance, Investigation and Licensing and US Mortgage Network, intending to be legally bound, do hereby execute this Consent Agreement and Order.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF BANKING, BUREAU OF COMPLIANCE, INVESTIGATION AND LICENSING

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